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IACP Announces Grant Recipients

Alexandria, VA – The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) is pleased to announce the three agencies selected as demonstration sites and grant recipients for the *Service, Support & Justice: A Strategy to Enhance Law Enforcement Response to Victims Initiative*, a multi-year demonstration project funded by the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). The City of Chattanooga Police Department (TN), Saginaw Police Department (MI), and Casper Police Department (WY) were selected following a rigorous peer review process and further vetting by OVC, the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), and IACP.

In 2009, the IACP released a national strategy and resource toolkit to enhance law enforcement's response to victims. Under the Enhancing Law Enforcement Response to Victims (ELERV) initiative, funded by OVC, the national Strategy and accompanying resources were developed, pilot-tested, and validated over the course of several years. While the ELERV initiative provided a strong direction to law enforcement agencies, the Strategy was never formally evaluated.

In this next phase of the project, the overarching goal is to evaluate the ELERV Strategy and to determine whether it is evidence-based. The selected sites will implement the ELERV Strategy with training and technical assistance from the IACP. At the same time, the implementation of the ELERV Strategy will be evaluated to determine its effectiveness in creating a cultural transformation within the selected law enforcement communities in their response to victims of crime.

Demonstration sites will be reimbursed up to \$100,000 each year for the next three years to support their agency's participation in the initiative.

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About the International Association of Chiefs of Police

The International Association of Chiefs of Police is the world's largest association of law enforcement executives. With over 23,000 members in more than 98 countries, the IACP serves as the professional voice of law enforcement. Building on their past success, the IACP addresses cutting edge issues confronting law enforcement through advocacy, programs and research, as well as training and other professional services. IACP is a comprehensive professional organization that supports the law enforcement leaders of today and develops the leaders of tomorrow.

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